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THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

INDIAN GROUP AIMS GRANT AT POVERTY

By BECKY SHAY, Billings Gazette (10/10/07)

The Native American Development Corporation has a plan to help increase jobs for urban American Indians,



CASEY RIFFE/Gazette Staff
Leonard Smith is the executive director of the Native American Development Corporation. The NADC has received a \$350,000 grant to help reduce poverty among American Indians.

and now it has the money to get to work.

The NADC, which helps establish American Indian-owned businesses and helps tribes cultivate economic development, will use a \$350,000 grant to

find ways to reduce Indian poverty.

Leonard Smith, NADC's executive director, said it will take a community effort to define and address development issues for urban Indians in the area.

STUDY FINDS GAP IN WAGES RISING IN STATE

By CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Gazette State Bureau (10/10/07)

HELENA - Many job openings in Montana fail to pay a "living wage" sufficient for people to meet their basic needs without public assistance and leave no room for money for emergencies and planning, a new study said.

In Montana, rising costs of health care, housing, utilities

and transportation are the main reasons this "living wage" trails what many Montanans are actually earning, a study by the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations said. It's called "Living in the Red: Northwest Family Budgets Falling Behind: 2007 Northwest Job Gap Study."

It concludes that a single Montana adult needs a job paying \$10.32 an hour to meet basic needs, maintain some ability to deal with emergencies and look to the future. For a single adult with two children, the study says that living wage is \$20.97 an hour.

Yet 40 percent of all job openings in Montana pay less than the \$10.32-an-hour living wage for a single person, the study found, while 80 percent of job openings paid less than the \$20.97 needed for a family that includes a working parent and two children.

IMPROVING INDIAN SCHOOLS (EDITORIAL)

By IR Staff, Independent Record (10/10/07)

Among the depressing statistics about such problems on Montana Indian Reservations as crime, alcoholism and poverty, there is a particularly unhappy harbinger for the future: school drop-out rates on reservations are three times higher than in the rest of the state. Only a little over half of reservation students complete high school, far below the 80 percent rate for all Montana students.

Reasons for this are complex, but necessary changes must include a sufficient number of quality teachers who motivate their students and stick around to keep them motivated.

Many teachers from outside reservations find themselves unhappy in such a rural, unfamiliar setting, leading to constant turnover. And many people who live there lack the education to be certified as teachers or don't have the money to pursue that education.

Now University of Montana professors Jan La Bonty and Marian McKenna have been awarded a three-year, \$3 million federal grant to try to change that.

Most of the money will be used for a scholarship program aimed directly at people who want to teach in rural schools. The university is targeting people currently attending tribal colleges who are interested in getting a four-year education degree at UM and people who already are working on reservations as teacher aides or paraprofessionals but can't afford further education.

BLACKFEET TRIBE WORKING WITH STATE OFFICIALS TO FENCE RIGHTS OF WAY ON U.S. 2 AND HIGHWAY 89

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (10/03/07)

"There's a number of animals, not only on the state highways but also on the BIA and county roads, with several places there with loss of life and livestock," said Blackfeet Vice Chairman Roger "Sassy" Running Crane Monday, Oct. 1. "So we're looking at having some precautions to make sure that we are at least trying to save lives and livestock."

The tribal vice chairman spoke of a tribal resolution passed Aug. 2 that paves the way for the Montana Department of Transportation to begin fencing the state's rights of way that pass through the Blackfeet Reservation. Running Crane said stretches of U.S.

Highway 2 and Highway 89 are first on the list to be fenced, and the fact that they are being fenced is the result of an agreement made between the Tribe and Montana.

SKATEIGNATIUS GRAND OPENING OFFERS A NEW ACTIVITY FOR THE KIDS

By ALYSSA KELLY, Char-Koosta News (9/20/07)



These kids came out in force for the grand opening of the Skatelgnatius Skate Park and displayed their sweet boards. (Alyssa Kelly photo)

ST. IGNATIUS — "I started skating when I first got my board. I like it (skating) because it's fun and it's

hard. Now I skate everyday," says eight-year old Adam Mahseelah,

a daily visitor of the free admission skate park.

The Skateignatius Skate Park held its grand-opening celebration on September 15 after completing the first of two phases in the overall 17,000 sq. foot skate course. Children throughout the community gathered in curiosity and the event was a hit. Free concessions as well as the opportunity to get free merchandise from several skate shops including Zumies, Premiere Skate Shop, Spirit Skate Shop, and Edge of the World Skate Shop made the opening even more intriguing.

GEOLOGICAL WONDER REVEALED

By ERIN MADISON, Tribune Staff Writer (10/10/07)

Several drivers likely have gone over Marias Pass many times and never known that they were actually passing over a thrust fault that helped form the Rocky Mountains.

A new roadside sign unveiled Tuesday now explains all about the Lewis Thrust Fault and the Lewis Thrust Sheet — an enormous slab of Precambrian-age sediments

more than a mile thick that encompasses most of Glacier National Park.

Fifteen other roadside markers across the state explain many of Montana's other geological wonders.

The signs were inspired by Donald Hyndman's book, "Roadside Geology of Montana," said Charity Watt Levis, spokeswoman for the Montana Department of Transportation.

Hyndman, paleontologist Jack Horner and geologist David Baker, who lives in Monarch, helped MDT and the governor's office develop the roadside markers.

The 16 signs started going up a year ago and are part of Gov. Brian Schweitzer's and first lady Nancy Schweitzer's math and science initiative, which works to get children interested in the subjects and pursue careers in those fields, Nancy Schweitzer said.

Her father was a geologist and she got many geology lessons driving across the state with her family when she was a child.

"We just thought other people would want to know about our geology and all our science that's right outside our door," Nancy Schweitzer said.

MDT has identified an additional 16 sites where roadside markers will be placed over the next year, said Jan Lombardi, the governor's education adviser.

"It's definitely a program that can grow," Levis said.

Some of the signs include "geo kid facts" and "geo car activities" that use the information on the marker to give families something to pay attention to during their drive, Lombardi said.

The geologic interpretive signs are marked on the back of the MDT highway map and can be found online at www.mathscience.mt.gov.

JOB VACANCIES:

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA- SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM (PHOTOJOURNALISM/MULTIMEDIA)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR for a tenure-track position who will join us in August 2008. Our photojournalism program is small but exceptional. This faculty member will take a lead role in the ongoing expansion of our curriculum to embrace digital journalism.

QUALIFICATIONS We will give strong preference to candidates with a master's degree in journalism or a related field, who have at least five years of significant full-time professional journalism experience. Candidates with a bachelor's degree and a national reputation in photojournalism and multimedia storytelling may be competitive. Experience in teaching at the college level is preferred. **POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES** Ability to teach courses in still and video photojournalism, print and Web design, and multimedia. Commitment to conducting research and producing creative work in photojournalism and/or multimedia fields. Student advising and service are also required. **SALARY** Competitive and commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin Nov. 15. Send application letter, vita and portfolio of work to Keith Graham, Chair, Search Committee, The University of Montana, School of Journalism, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA- LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM ASIAN RELIGIONS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR for a tenure-track position in **ASIAN RELIGIONS** to begin Fall 2008. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A Ph.D. must be in hand by June 2008. Preference will be given to candidates competent in Buddhism and another major Asian tradition, e.g. Hinduism or Islam. Teaching duties will include introductory courses in several traditions and advanced courses in specialty. Teaching experience is preferred. The successful applicant will be committed to liberal education and will possess a record or promise of publication in the field of his or her expertise. The Liberal Studies Program is an interdisciplinary unit offering a BA with emphases in Asian Studies and Women's Studies, as well as a traditional Humanities option. Plans for a Religious Studies emphasis are in progress.

Send application materials, including a CV, transcripts, a writing sample, letters of recommendation, and evidence of teaching excellence, to Paul Dietrich, Chair, Search Committee, Liberal Studies Program, The University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812.

Deadline for application is November 1, 2007. Interviews will be conducted at the AAR annual conference in San Diego in November.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

STATE AND NATIONAL ARCHIVAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Funding Opportunity Number:	SNAP-08
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Oct 04, 2007
Creation Date:	Oct 04, 2007
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 03, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 03, 2008
Archive Date:	Apr 04, 2008

Funding Instrument Type: Grant
Category of Funding Activity: Humanities (see "Cultural Affairs" in CFDA)
Category Explanation:
Expected Number of Awards:
Estimated Total Program Funding:
Award Ceiling: \$20,000
Award Floor: \$5,000
CFDA Number: 89.003 -- National Historical Publications and Records Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

State governments
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility:

State Historical Records Advisory Boards, or state agencies or non profit organizations acting on behalf of the Boards, are eligible to apply. States also include the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and United States territories.

Description

The purpose of this grant program is to build a national archival network by strengthening archives and historical records programs in each of the states. The Commission awards grants to State Historical Records Advisory Boards to: -Provide statewide archival services, including professional education, public information about records and archival programs, and other activities to implement state plans. - Operate grant programs for eligible archives, manuscript repositories, and other organizations within a state. -Collaborate on projects with other organizations to address common problems or shared opportunities within a state or among a consortium of state archives. - Assess the health of archival and records programs, the conditions of records, and the challenges and opportunities facing historical records keepers and users; and to implement strategies and programs to address pressing archival issues. -Hold public forums on statewide or national issues. -Participate in national archival organizations. Award Details: The NHPRC expects to award up to 56 grants in this program. Applicants may apply for outright basic grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 for 18 month projects. Projects to reactivate the State Historical Records Advisory Board and develop or revise the SHRAB's strategic plan should request the minimum of \$5,000. Active State Historical Records Advisory Boards may apply for a grant of up to \$20,000 to carry out project activities aligned with their board's current strategic plan. In addition, active State Historical Records Advisory Boards may request in their applications up to \$50,000 in additional funds for subgrants or collaborative projects. These supplemental funds will be awarded competitively, provided monies are available. Cost Sharing: Cost sharing is the financial contribution the state pledges to the cost of a project and can include both direct and indirect expenses. For State and National Archival Partnership Projects, the Commission will supply up to 50 percent of the total project costs. The applicant's share can consist of in-kind contributions, non-Federal third-party contributions including contributions of subgrantees, and income, if any, earned directly by the project. Eligibility: These grants are awarded only to State Historical Records Advisory Boards (SHRABs) in each state, or to the state agency responsible for the SHRAB, ordinarily the state archives. Another state agency, or a non-profit organization, such as a foundation or university, acting on behalf of the designated state agency may apply. States also include the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and United States territories.

LUMINA GRANTS IMPROVE COLLEGE SUCCESS (10/04/07)

(Deadline: None) Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc. provides funding to support and expand access to and success in

postsecondary education, particularly for students of low-income and other underrepresented groups.
The foundation encourages:

- ✎ Collaboration among multiple organizations and institutions to ensure comprehensive and enduring attention to students' postsecondary preparation, enrollment and attainment.
- ✎ Projects that demonstrate capacity for long-term growth and sustainability. Applicants should consider carefully the ways in which they will build broad-based institutional, organizational, policy and funding support for the work they propose.
- ✎ Work that is guided by careful research and assessment and that will contribute new knowledge and evidence to strengthen students' opportunities for postsecondary access and success.

The median size of a typical grant is approximately \$150,000; the average size is about \$400,000. The usual term for grants is one to three years.

The foundation doesn't fund K-12 education reform or religious activities. Nonprofits shouldn't expect a quick response, with a decision taking up to six months.

NIH WANTS TO ASSESS SMALL BIZ FUNDING (10/04/07)

(Deadline: Nov. 2) The Nat'l Institutes of Health (NIH) are seeking approval to conduct another assessment of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program.

The program provides research funding to small businesses to develop innovative technologies. A previous survey in 2003 indicated the funding was successful in creating products, processes, usages and services in the health-related field. It found 73% of the 768 awardees developed new materials.

The proposed survey would assess whether the program is maintaining or surpassing the previous percentage. NIH is a sub-agency of the Health & Human Services Dept.

Info: Jo Anne Goodnight (questions or copy of proposal), 301/435-2688; e-mail, jg128w@nih.gov

HRSA OFFERS \$46M FOR NEW CENTERS (10/01/07)

Agency: Health & Human Services Dept. (Health Resources & Services Admin.); **Program:** New Access Points in Programs Funded Under the Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996 (CDFA Number: 93.224); **Eligibility:** Public/private nonprofits, including tribes, faith-based and community-based groups; **Funding:** \$46 million for up to 75 three-year awards; **Deadline:** Dec. 18.

Purpose: The new centers provide comprehensive primary and preventive healthcare services as part of a multi-year plan to strengthen the healthcare safety net by establishing or expanding health centers in 1,200 of the nation's neediest communities.

Document Type: Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number: RDUP-TAT-GRANT-100307-FY08
Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: Oct 03, 2007
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Current Closing Date for Applications: Dec 31, 2007
Archive Date: Jan 30, 2008
Funding Instrument Type: Grant
Category of Funding Activity: Community Development Environment
Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Category Explanation:

The objectives of the Technical Assistance and Training Grants are to: - Identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas. - Assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste grants made at the State level offices. - Improve operation and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas.

Expected Number of Awards:

17

Estimated Total Program Funding:

\$17,000,000

Award Ceiling:

Award Floor:

CFDA Number:

10.761 -- Technical Assistance and Training Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Through the program, funded organizations will offer access to comprehensive primary and preventive health care and social services (including mental health, substance abuse, and oral health care services) to populations currently with limited or no access to such services.

Federally funded health centers may offer services to the general community; migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families; homeless people, including children and families; and/or public housing residents.

Applicants must identify a population in need of primary health care services and propose a specific plan to increase access to care and reduce disparities identified in the population or community to be served.

Preference may be given to applications proposing to serve sparsely populated areas, defined as an area with 7 or less persons per square mile.

Info: Preeti Kanodia, phone: (301) 594-4300, e-mail:

pkanodia@hrsa.gov. For the grant announcement, please visit www.cdpublications.com/docs/4139 and click on the link provided

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING GRANT

The synopsis for this grant opportunity is detailed below, following this paragraph. This synopsis contains all of the updates to this document that have been posted as of **10/03/2007**. If updates have been made to the opportunity synopsis, update information is provided below the synopsis.

If you would like to receive notifications of changes to the grant opportunity click [send me change notification emails](#). The only thing you need to provide for this service is your email address. No other information is requested.

Any inconsistency between the original printed document and the disk or electronic document shall be resolved by giving precedence to the printed document.

Eligible Applicants

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Eligibility criteria for TAT grants is as follows: (a) Entities eligible for grants must be private nonprofit organizations with tax exempt status, designated by the Internal Revenue Service. A nonprofit organization is defined as any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that: (1) Is operated primarily for scientific, education, service, charitable, or similar purposes in the public interest. (2) Is not organized primarily for profit. (3) Uses its net proceeds to maintain, improve, and/or expand its operations. (b) Entities must be legally established and located within a state as defined in § 1775.2. (c)

Organizations must be incorporated by December 31 of the year the application period occurs to be eligible for funds. (d) Private businesses, Federal agencies, public bodies, and individuals are ineligible for these grants. (e) Applicants must also have the proven ability, background, experience (as evidenced by the organization's satisfactory completion of project(s) similar to those proposed), legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training on a regional basis to associations as provided in § 1775.33. To meet the requirement of actual capacity, an applicant must either: (1) Have the necessary resources to provide technical assistance and/or training to associations in rural areas through its staff, or (2) Be assisted by an affiliate or member organization which has such background and experience and which agrees, in writing, that it will provide the assistance, or (3) Contract with a nonaffiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the grant to provide the proposed assistance.

Agency Name

Utilities Programs

Description

Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed a preapplication with RUS in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Grant funds may not be used to recruit applications, duplicate current services such as those performed by a consultant in developing a project, fund political activities, pay for capital assets, purchase real estate or vehicles, improve and renovate office space or repair and maintain privately owned property, pay construction or O&M costs, and pay costs incurred prior to the effective date of grants made.

Link to Full Announcement

[Technical Assistance and Training Grants](#)

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT

The synopsis for this grant opportunity is detailed below, following this paragraph. This synopsis contains all of the updates to this document that have been posted as of **10/03/2007**. If updates have been made to the opportunity synopsis, update information is provided below the synopsis.

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Funding Opportunity Number:

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SWMGRANT-
100207

Opportunity Category:

Discretionary

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 Funding Instrument Type: Grant
 Category of Funding Activity: Community Development Environment
 Category Explanation: The Solid Waste Management (SWM) Grant Program has been established to assist communities through free technical assistance and/or training provided by the grant recipients. Qualified organizations will receive SWM grant funds to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas, and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.
 Expected Number of Awards: 70
 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$3,500,000
 Award Ceiling:
 Award Floor:
 CFDA Number: 10.762 -- Solid Waste Management Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Description of Modification

Eligible Applicants

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

An organization is eligible to receive a SWM grant if it: a. Is a private, non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS); b. Is a Public body; c. Is a federally acknowledged or State-recognized Native American tribe or group; d. Is an Academic institution; e. Is legally established and located within one of the following: • a state within the United States • the District of Columbia • the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico • a United States territory f. Has the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose; g. Has a proven record of successfully providing technical assistance and/or training to rural areas; h. Has capitalization acceptable to the Agency, and is composed of at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership being citizens of the United States or individuals who reside in the United States after being legally admitted for permanent residence; i. Has no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt; j. Demonstrates that it possesses the financial, technical, and managerial capability to comply with Federal and State laws and requirements. k. Contracts with a nonaffiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the grant to provide the proposed assistance.

Agency Name

Utilities Programs

Description

Funds may be used to: Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to help associations reduce the solid waste stream; and provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills in rural areas which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements. Grant funds may not be used to: Recruit preapplications/applications for any loan and/or grant program including RUS Water and Waste Disposal Loan and/or Grant Program; duplication of current services, replacement or substitution of support previously provided such as those performed by an association's consultant in developing a project; fund political activities; pay for capital assets, the purchase of real estate or vehicles, improve and renovate office space, or repair and maintain privately-owned property; pay for construction or operation and maintenance costs of water and waste facilities; and pay costs incurred prior to the effective date of grants made under this subpart.

Link to Full Announcement: [Solid Waste Management Grant Program Information](#)

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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EVENTS/TRAINING:

ANNUAL PRODUCERS MEETING 2007- SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 12, 2007

PABLO — Cattle producers, ranchers, and the public are invited to attend the Montana State University (MSU) Extension, Flathead Reservation Office annual producer meeting at the Ronan Community Center on October 12. Check-in registration begins at 8 a.m. and speaker presentations begin at 9 a.m. Presentations and guest speakers include:

- **Business Plan Development** - Michele Lansdowne, SKC Business Management Entrepreneurship Program Department Head
- **Marketing Strategies for Producers** - Jan Tusik, Program and Commercialization Manager, Mission Mountain Food Enterprises
- **Grasshopper Update and Control Measures** - Gary Adams, State Plant Health Director, USDA APHIS
- **CSKT Tribal Lands Department Update on the Flathead Nation Tribal Conservation District & the National Animal Identification System** - Anita Matt, Program Manager, CSKT Tribal Lands Department
- **Grazing Management for Dryland Seeded Pastures** - Dr. Jeff Mosley, MSU Extension Range Management Specialist
- **Bovine Herd Health: Frequently Asked Questions** - Carolyn Cosgrove, DVM, Mountain Home Veterinary Service PC, Arlee, Montana
- **Ranch Recordkeeping System: A Management Tool for Montana Farmers and Ranchers** - Rene Kittle, MSU Flathead Reservation Extension Agent
- **Producer Panel** - Production and Marketing Methods

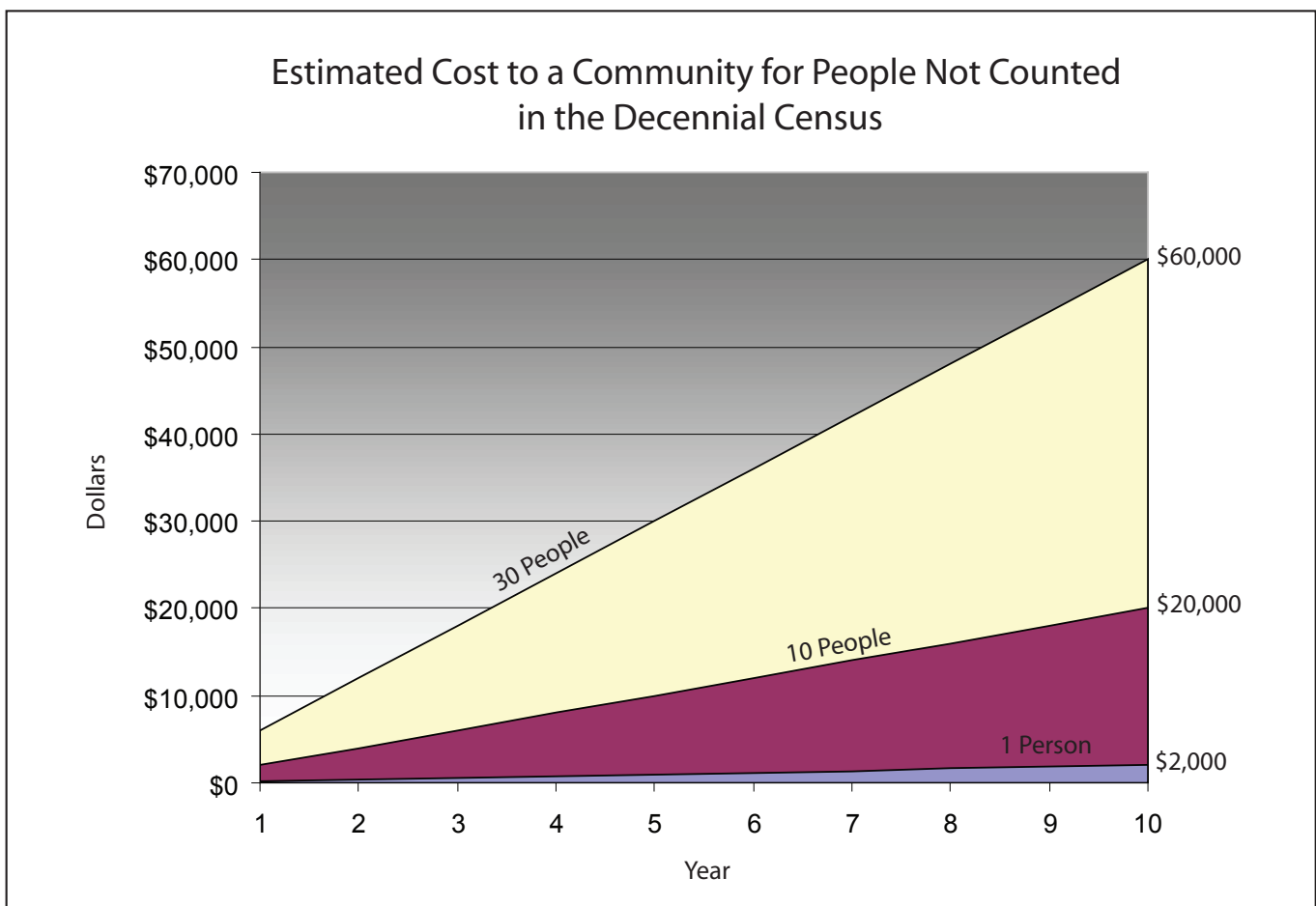
Lunch will be provided, and will feature a completely local menu. The registration fee is \$10 per plate from now until October 5, and \$15 after October 5. For registration and more information, visit <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/counties/flatheadres> or call MSU Extension - Flathead Reservation office at 675-2700, Ext. 1247 for Anna Dupuis, or Ext. 1246 for Rene Kittle.

Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Technical Training Sessions

Billings, Glendive, Great Falls, and Missoula
October 2007

We all want to see Montana receive its fair share of approximately \$280 billion in federal funds which are distributed to state and local governments each year by formula - using the decennial census population counts as a factor.

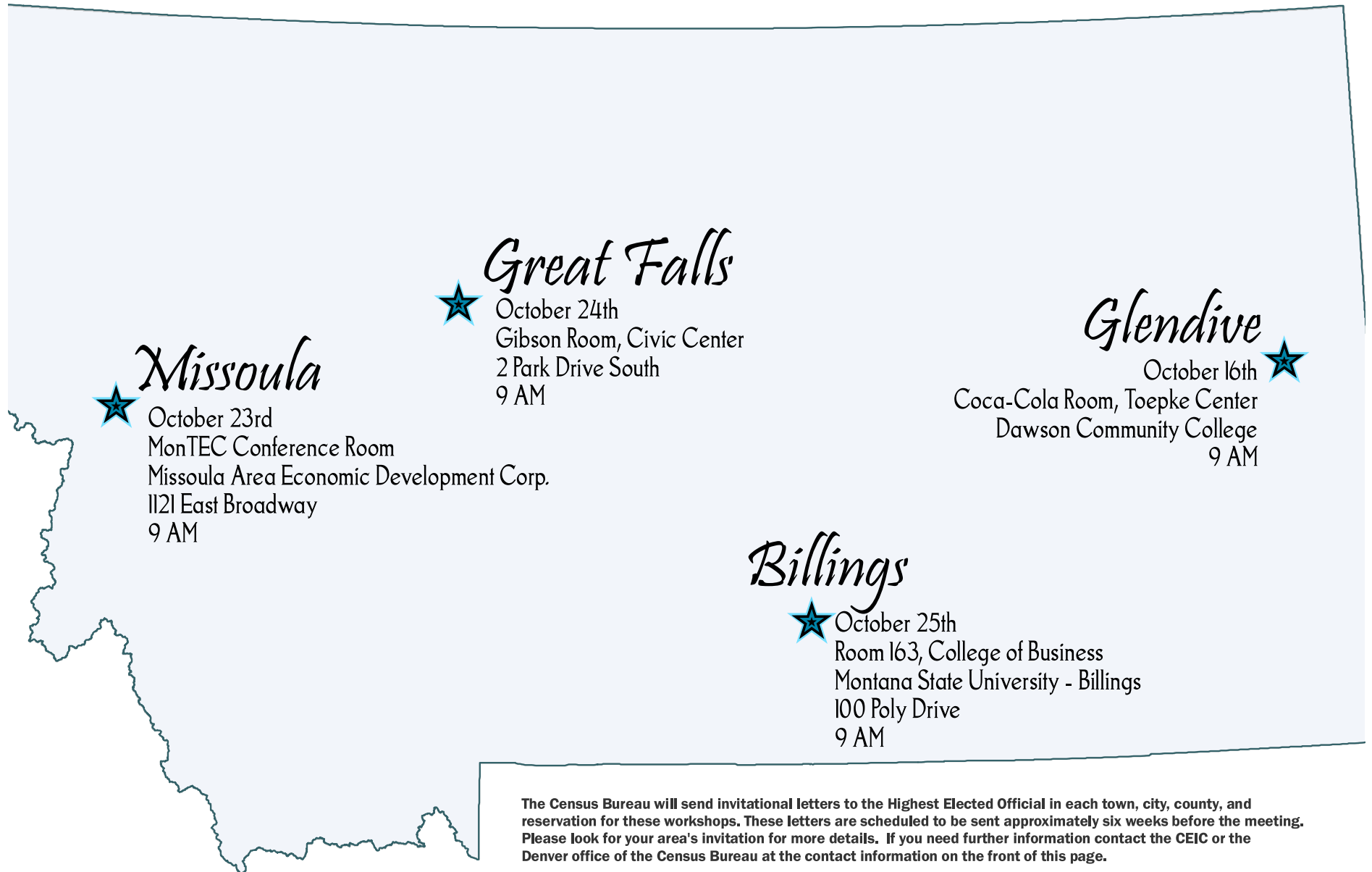
The U.S. Census Bureau now estimates that for every person who is not counted, the community misses \$200 per year in federal and state funding. Multiply that \$200 by 10 years and it quickly becomes a significant amount of money.



The U.S. Census Bureau is offering a chance to help us help ourselves by participating in the LUCA program. LUCA is open to all levels of government and open to many levels of participation. Every effort helps.

Can you help the Census Bureau find 10 additional people in your community?

LUCA Technical Workshops - 2007



The Census Bureau will send invitational letters to the Highest Elected Official in each town, city, county, and reservation for these workshops. These letters are scheduled to be sent approximately six weeks before the meeting. Please look for your area's invitation for more details. If you need further information contact the CEIC or the Denver office of the Census Bureau at the contact information on the front of this page.

Save the Date *for*

Small Business Expo 2007

November 7th, 8:30 - 3:30
Holiday Inn, Great Falls MT

Keynote addresses on
Government Contracts

Workshops on
Importing & Exporting
Workforce Development
Financing Options

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

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to register: mtsbdc.ecenterdirect.com



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State-Tribal Relations Committee Meeting Agenda October 16, 2007 Crow Agency, Room TBA

- 2:00 p.m. Introductions, Approval of Minutes
- 2:10 p.m. Presentations on Indian Gaming Issues
 - Crow representative(s)
 - Andy Huff, Governor's American Indian Nations (GAIN) Council
 - John Peterson, Regional Director, National Indian Gaming Commission
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Presentations on Indian Health Service
 - Crow representative(s)
 - Pete Conway, Billings Area Director, Indian Health Service
 - Garfield Little Light, Billings Associate Area Director, IHS
- 4:15 p.m. Public Comment
- 4:45 p.m. Teleconference Update on Water Policy Committee
 - Krista Lee Evans, staff for legislative Water Policy Committee (by phone)
 - Crow representative(s)
- 5:00 p.m. Presentations on Land and Agricultural Issues
 - Crow representative(s)
 - USDA representative (proposed)
- 5:30 p.m. Taxation Issues
 - Donald (Del) Laverdure, Chief Legal Counsel (proposed, not confirmed)
- 6:00 p.m. Update by committee members on conferences attended, upcoming events
- 6:10 p.m. Review next meeting dates, agenda items (January meetings)
- 6:15 p.m. Adjourn

Agenda as of October 5, 2007